

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES  
September 9, 2013

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Chamber of the West Lafayette City Court Room on September 9th, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Commission President Corrigan called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, Troyer and Shafer.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Attorney Brooks, Chief Dombkowski and Lt. Watson

ABSENT: Commissioners Kirkpatrick, No and Secretary Kathy McCorkle.

Commission President Corrigan called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes were able to be approved as the secretary was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commission President Corrigan is working on getting the promotion tests moved over to Diane Foster's office, which was approved with a motion last meeting. Commission President Corrigan had not had success getting the tests from Purdue. Chief Dombkowski assured President Corrigan that Captain Sparger has that taken care of.

Testing for patrol officers has been done. Lt. Watson said that we are getting ready to do interviews for potential officers on September 26<sup>th</sup> with the police panel. Lt. Watson told the merit commission that 24 applicants came to the testing, 6 failed the agility test, 18 took the written test and 6 failed, which leaves 12 to interview. After the interviews are completed, the police department will do a background check on the candidates. The time for the interviews with the Merit Commission will be set up when background checks are complete. Chief Dombkowski pointed out that we don't have any openings at this time. Chief Dombkowski said that there is one of the officers/commanders that gave him an intention to retire in 2014.

Commissioner Shafer suggested that the Merit Board discuss some possible questions to keep consistent throughout the interviews for possible candidates. There was discussion about when the questions should be decided upon. Commissioner Shafer would like to discuss with the Board what questions need to be asked and what answers the Board should expect. Attorney Brooks said that issue had to be discussed in an Executive Session. Commissioner Shafer would like to spend more than fifteen minutes discussing the questions. Commissioner Troyer said that questions had been

written down in the past and that the Board should use that as a starting point for putting together questions for the applicants. It was suggested by Commissioner Troyer to have an Executive Session before the next meeting with President Corrigan sending out the questions to the members before the Executive Session.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dombkowski reported that calls for service spiked this month. Our calls for service have been significantly higher over the summer months due to residents calling for service in the areas of apartment complexes. Police conducted nearly 200 traffic stops in school zones in the month of August. Police have had two bike officers in the village to have bikers acclimated to being in the roadways instead of on the sidewalks. Police conducted a sobriety check point in the month of August and stopped nearly 250 vehicles and arrested one driver and another cited for non alcoholic offenses. There was a change in management in Parkway Apartments with calls for service there decreasing because of that change in management.

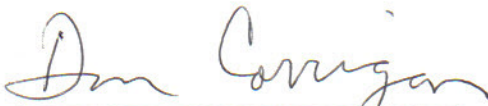
Commissioner Troyer asked Chief Dombkowski about money for safe routes and sidewalks for schools. Commissioner Troyer has a concern with the placement of the lights that are the old fashioned/manual type on Grant Street. Chief Dombkowski will refer that concern to Mr. Buck of Engineering.

Commissioner Troyer moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Shafer seconded it. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

  
Tom Shafer, Secretary

Attest:

  
Don Corrigan, President